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OLD INSURANCE CHARTERS.

Doubts as to Validity of Most of Them.

The life insurance companies doing business in the State are stirred up somewhat over the information that the old charters of the defunct Hammond insurance companies have been sold to Chicago people, who propose to do an insurance business under them, and that the old Bank of Commerce charter is to be purchased for a similar purpose. An attorney last evening expressed doubts as to the validity of any of these charters, except those that have been in continuous use by the same corporation. The Constitution of 1851 put a stop to the business of granting charters to corporations by special enactment by Section 13 of Article XI, which reads: "Corporations other than banking shall not be created by special act, but may be formed under general laws."

This did not affect the charters then in existence, but the attorney quoted holds that when the corporation created by one of these charters failed or for any other reason ceased to exist the charter died with it and cannot be used as a basis for another charter now validly created. On this theory he holds that the only special charters now valid are those of the following insurance companies: The Indiana, the Vernon, the Citizens, the Fort Wayne, the Madison, and, possibly, the Franklin.

The Insurance Policy's Tax.

It is probable that a joint effort will be made by the life insurance companies doing business in the State to resist the order of the State Tax Commissioners, that paid-up policies and those having a paid-up value be entered for taxation. Nearly all the agencies here have notified their home companies and advised them to give their policies to the assessors. A test case will probably be made with the expense of litigation borne by the insurance companies.

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FOLLOWERS FROM HALL

ORDER OF EQUITY COLLAPSES, WITH LITTLE LEFT FOR MEMBERS.

Matured Certificates Alone Amount to \$70,000, with Between \$7,000 and \$8,000 as Entire Assets.

TEN-YEAR-GET-RICH SCHEME

AN ASSIGNMENT MADE YESTERDAY BY THE SUPREME OFFICERS.

Statement of Secretary Wm. F. Lander—A Home Institution—The Recent Mance Suit.

Late yesterday evening the supreme officers of the Order of Equity, with offices in the Morrison Block, on Monument place, made an assignment to Jesse L. Blair for the benefit of creditors. The reason assigned is the effect the hard times has had on new business of such an order. Wm. F. Lander, secretary of the order, said last evening that the order had flattered chances of success until the beginning of 1895, when the business began to drop off until it was barely in excess of the lapses and matured certificates, making the net gain very small. The next year the new business amounted to less than the lapses and withdrawals, showing a net loss in membership.

The order closes its meteoric career with an odor that savors of Iron Hallism. According to the statement of Secretary Lander, on the first day of this year there were unpaid matured certificates amounting to about \$30,000, with very little assets to meet the liability. Since that time the additional matured certificates have increased their amount to about \$70,000. The present assets, according to the secretary, are about \$32,000, with a possibility of scaling this amount to \$7,000 or \$8,000.

The assigned total charge of the business of the order last evening. With the deed of assignment was a schedule of the property owned by the order. This includes an equity lot on North Meridian street, extending fifty feet south of the property of the Meridian-street M. E. Church. This lot is worth more than \$25,000 and probably more than \$30,000, the latter amount being what Secretary Lander says was a recent appraisement of the property. There is a mortgage on it which will bring the interest of the Order of Equity down to about \$5,000. The other assets amount to between \$2,000 and \$3,000, including \$224.62 in cash. The order owns the furniture of three halls in this city, which it rents, and the rental nets a fair annual return. Then there is the office furniture and fixtures, which practically completes the list of assets.

THE HEAVY LIABILITIES.

The total amount of liabilities is not known and cannot be until the courts pass upon many questions similar to those that arose in the settlement of the Iron Hall claims. The matured certificates call for nearly \$70,000 face value, but all members have an equity in the assets of the order, and there are now about seven hundred members in good standing.

The Order of Equity was launched into existence July 4, 1889, although it did not formally do any business until the latter part of October of that year, when four councils were instituted in this city. Since then nearly two hundred councils have been instituted, most of them being in this State and in Illinois, although the business has extended to fifteen States to a small degree.

The order began under a plan of business that has never succeeded in the past and never will in the future until mathematicalians find a way to make ten times equal one. Its plan was closely allied to the Iron Hall system, in that the order's certificates were issued, which differed only in amount and time, the principal being the same in both. The order was made five years and the other ten years, but as the former had been discarded during recent years, the order's certificates were made for ten years, which differed only in amount and time, the principal being the same in both. The order was made five years and the other ten years, but as the former had been discarded during recent years, the order's certificates were made for ten years, which differed only in amount and time, the principal being the same in both.

THE EXCESSIVE CIRCULARS.

The order does not in any manner agree to pay the holder of a \$1,000 certificate the sum of \$1,000 at the maturity of the certificate, but the printed circulars leaves the impression that this amount will be paid, and this impression is heightened by the fact that the first certificates that were made in this way. "This was a pity," said the case in the Iron Hall. All certificates were paid at their face value so long as there was money to do so.

According to these figures, on each \$1,000 certificate the order would receive \$2 a year, or \$20 in ten years, which, at 6 per cent interest, would amount to about \$130. From this amount must necessarily be deducted the cost of managing the business, which would leave still poorer picking for those who come in late expecting to get something for nothing. There is no doubt that those first in would get their money when their certificates matured, for there would be enough money under such a plan to pay off several hundred certificates at maturity, but then the amount would dwindle until the home office would have nothing with which to pay. The first certificates were issued in October, 1889, and the result was obvious—no one could stand it very long and concluded to make an exit while they had some of the assets to be distributed.

The small leaflets used by the company in soliciting new business state that the order has paid out \$120,000 in sick and accident benefits and \$100,000 in claims for matured certificates. This would make a total of \$220,000 paid out. Secretary Lander says the total number of certificates issued during the life of the order has been 7,200, of which only 700 are now in force.

EFFORT TO BOLSTER IT UP.

Since it was seen that the order was in a state of collapse, an effort has been made to bolster it up and place it on a basis for the retirement of the ten-year distribution certificates, but this came too late. This part of the order, if managed separately from the original order, would have been successful, for it was simply an insurance based on a stated monthly premium that was sufficient to bring in enough money to pay all losses with a fair margin of profit, provided the examinations of applicants were rigidly made. In this department there is a balance of \$465, which remains on hand, with no claims outstanding. One death loss has been paid.

Secretary Lander claims that but for the suit that was brought against the order, the order would have been successful, for the payment of a \$50 certificate which had matured, the order would not have been compelled to make a payment. That suit was instituted by Mr. Mance, who was a member of Taylor Council No. 3, of this city, and late in the afternoon of April 27 William F. Chureman was appointed receiver by Judge Brown, of the Circuit Court.

He immediately gave bond in the sum of \$100,000, and about 6 o'clock went to the office of the order. A clerk was the only person at the office and he refused to give up the keys. The next morning the attorneys for the order appeared in court and induced Judge Brown to set aside the appointment of a receiver until 4 o'clock, when they said they would file an answer to the petition, which would show that no receiver should be appointed. In their answer they attacked the standing of the petitioner in court on the strength of a decision in the Iron Hall case, in the effect that a man must be compelled with the rules of the order to be entitled to sue. One rule provided that member must not resort to legal means until he had failed to get satisfaction by the methods provided by the order. A member was given the right to appeal from a ruling of the supreme officers to the supreme council and, until he had done that, he had no right to bring suit. On this plea Judge Brown held that the plaintiff had no standing in court and dismissed the suit.

The plaintiff held a certificate due in five years that had been issued Feb. 11, 1891, and was due Feb. 11, 1896. He demanded payment, but was told there were no available funds. He then told that he would have to wait his turn and that his claim would be paid as the others that had matured. He then filed his suit on the ground that he was entitled to sue. The court held that the member must not resort to legal means until he had failed to get satisfaction by the methods provided by the order. A member was given the right to appeal from a ruling of the supreme officers to the supreme council and, until he had done that, he had no right to bring suit. On this plea Judge Brown held that the plaintiff had no standing in court and dismissed the suit.

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HE OFFERS TO RESIGN

STATISTICIAN THOMPSON OFFERS A STATEMENT TO GOVERNOR.

Apparent Discrepancy Deposited with Auditor, Subject to Vouchers Thompson May Hereafter Find.

A sudden and unexpected end was put to the investigation of the Bureau of Statistics yesterday, when Statistician Thompson submitted to the auditor and attorney general a statement, at the same time filing a copy of it with the Governor. This statement was of considerable length, showing the amounts drawn from the treasury and the expenditures made. All parties concerned declined to give out a copy of this statement, but as nearly as can be learned it shows something over \$400 more drawn than was expended for office expenses and something over \$100 more drawn for work of agents than was expended. This, it was explained, was for the purpose of using the funds for a special line of inquiry agreed upon at the last convention of statisticians. These sums are returned to the treasury, since it is held that the appropriation of one year must be expended in that year or covered into the treasury. This still leaves a difference in the neighborhood of \$700, which the statistician has no receipts. This amount he takes from his own funds and deposits with the auditor, claiming the right to have it returned to him. He can recall what the expenditures were for and show vouchers for them. The Governor has agreed to let it, after the report of the auditor and attorney general shall have been submitted to him. He shall then decide whether or not the statistician's resignation is desirable. It will be at his disposal. After the statement was filed by C. W. Smith, attorney for Thompson, the investigation, a consultation was held by the Governor, the attorney general and Mr. Smith, which lasted last night. At about 1:30 the auditor and attorney general met at the office of the latter and were closed an hour, presumably after the report of the auditor and attorney general. No final conclusion was reached in the matter and it will be taken up again today. The Governor has authorized the following statement in regard to the matter:

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THE SCOTTISH RITE CLASS.

Thirty-Second Degree Conferred and Convocation Ends.

The thirty-second annual convocation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite closed last night after a successful session. Last night the thirty-second degree was conferred upon the following candidates: LeRoy E. Brown, Webster Chandler, James W. Henry, Charles U. Patton, Charles G. Swain and Elmer Kessler, Richmond; Augustus Bower, Wm. H. Hartsley, S. J. McFarren, Charles F. Stahl, J. W. Vandermark, F. W. Wilson and J. E. Sunderland, Hart; Wayne, Henry A. Duncan and E. H. Jennings, Franklin; Isaac A. Hooley and Charles D. King, Lebanon; M. J. Emison and T. M. Edwards, Tipton; Wm. H. Hartsley, M. C. Cutcheon, Evansville; William F. Price, Orleans; Elmer E. Russell, Kokomo; James Seybold, Logansport; Wm. H. Hartsley, C. M. Worrall, Bloomington; T. G. Alfred and C. W. Warner, Lafayette; R. R. Buchanan, Johnson; Wm. H. Hartsley, Frank G. Kamps, Frank J. Vincent and William Webb, Indianapolis.

FELL ACROSS A ROD.

Milo Huston's Terrible Injury Which Led to His Death.

There is a pathetic case in the death of Milo Huston at the City Hospital last night. Huston was twenty-nine years old, had a wife and five little children and lived at No. 37 Fletcher avenue. After lying idle all winter, having been unable to secure employment, he was given a place a few days ago at the Big Four shops as an engine wiper. While employed Tuesday morning he fell across a rod running under an engine and injured his pelvis. He went to the City Hospital and urged him to go to the hospital. He was in danger and his only hope lay in an operation. He died at the hospital after two hours after the accident. Dr. W. N. Wishard was called on to perform a very delicate operation to remove the rod. The operation was successful, but Huston died a few days later. He was a native of Indiana and had been in this city for some time.

A DRUNKEN MAN AMUCK.

Believed to Have Stolen George Nesle's Horse and Buggy.

Last night the West Indianapolis police received a telephone message from the city police warning them to watch for a stolen horse and buggy owned by George Nesle, of No. 23 East Washington street. About 5:30 o'clock a knock at the door of Walter Oden's home, No. 4 Hadley avenue, caused Nesle to go to the door. He opened the door and found a drunken stranger. He asked her where Brighton Beach was, and she told him that she did not know, and she persisted in trying to force the door, which she held partly open, she called to her husband, who lay sick in an adjoining room. The stranger started through the house toward the kitchen, when Mr. Oden, though sick and very weak, grabbed him by the coat. The man broke away, but the door had hardly been closed upon him when he returned and smashed out a pane of glass. He started toward the kitchen, when Mr. Oden, though sick and very weak, grabbed him by the coat. The man broke away, but the door had hardly been closed upon him when he returned and smashed out a pane of glass. He started toward the kitchen, when Mr. Oden, though sick and very weak, grabbed him by the coat. The man broke away, but the door had hardly been closed upon him when he returned and smashed out a pane of glass.

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MUNCIE FIGHT SETTLED

GOVERNOR APPOINTS A COMPROMISE POLICE BOARD.

In Richmond Case the Extremists Were Passed By—New Crop of Candidates for Office.

Governor Mount yesterday settled the much-discussed question of who shall constitute the police boards of Muncie and Richmond by naming them as follows: Muncie—L. D. Thomas and D. B. Cammack, Republicans, and Victor E. Silverburg, Democrat.

Richmond—Isaac A. Gorman and A. G. Ogborn, Republicans, and James G. Martin, Democrat.

The Muncie war had been practically settled before the appointments were made. Thomas was an original McCullough man who nearly all the Cromer crowd could indorse and Cammack was an original Cromer man who nearly all the McCullough crowd agreed to. Both are excellent citizens who will see to the businesslike enforcement of the laws. Mr. Silverburg, the Democrat, was appointed upon the recommendation of F. D. Helmbaugh, editor of the Herald, and Edward Toohey, postmaster, who came down to see the Governor on the subject.

In Richmond the Governor went outside the lines drawn by the "liberal" and "close" elements and appointed a board not composed of extremists on either side. Messrs. Gorman and Ogborn are both ex-sheriffs.

The Governor has yet to appoint the police boards of Anderson, Terre Haute and Elkhart, besides the Evansville hospital board, a Democratic tax commissioner, a factory inspector and two members of the board of arbitration and the board of five physicians to control the physicians' licenses under the new law. With these things still pending there are heaps of people who want to see the Governor. Each day brings a new crop of candidates for tax commissioner to succeed Capt. D. F. Allen, of Frankfort. Myron King is campaigning out at the Statehouse watching his chance for the appointment. Yesterday J. A. Lemcke and S. E. Kercheval called to urge the claims of Henry Kramer, a gold Democrat, of Spencer county, and John J. Cooper and Postmaster Sahn called to ask the appointment of Hunter McCaslin, who was the Populic candidate for treasurer of Marion county last November. R. B. Shiel was on hand asking the influence of the Governor to save the official life of Miss Fitzgerald in the library.

THE NEW STATE LIBRARIAN.

Prof. W. E. Henry, of Franklin College, Selected by Education Board.

The short and sharp campaign to determine who should be state librarian was settled by the State Board of Education yesterday when it elected Prof. W. E. Henry, of Franklin College, to the position. There were thirteen candidates, and three ballots were necessary to determine it. On the first ballot Professor Henry received four votes and there were four scatterings. On the second ballot the scattering votes were concentrated upon B. Wilson Smith, of Lafayette. On the third ballot Mr. Smith again got three votes and Mr. Henry five, a majority of the board. The ballots were secret, but those familiar with the situation had the four original votes for Mr. Henry were those of Drs. Swain and Parsons and Messrs. Gorman and Ogborn. The Governor has agreed to let it, after the report of the auditor and attorney general shall have been submitted to him. He shall then decide whether or not the statistician's resignation is desirable. It will be at his disposal. After the statement was filed by C. W. Smith, attorney for Thompson, the investigation, a consultation was held by the Governor, the attorney general and Mr. Smith, which lasted last night. At about 1:30 the auditor and attorney general met at the office of the latter and were closed an hour, presumably after the report of the auditor and attorney general. No final conclusion was reached in the matter and it will be taken up again today. The Governor has authorized the following statement in regard to the matter:

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